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| In re Application of: Klausmeier, et al.                           | )                            |
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| For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ARBITRARY CONCATENATION IN A SWITCH | )<br>)<br>)                  |
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Sir/Madam:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1-17, top right corner of each page, delete "290" and insert -- Attorney Docket No. 296 --

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please amend as follows:

Page 18-22, top right corner of each page, delete "290" and insert -- Attorney Docket No. 296 --

Page 17, at line 6, insert -- What is claimed is: --